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Inventor: Coslovi, I. Examiner: Jules, F.F.  
Ser. No.: 09/650,388 Art Unit: 3617  
Title: VEHICLE CARRYING RAILROAD CAR AND BRIDGE PLATE  
THEREFOR  
Filed: 29 August 2000 Date: 20 August 2002

**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

1) This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action, made Final, of February 21, 2002, and is submitted contemporaneously with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and a three month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (b), extending the time period for response to August 21, 2002.

2) Amendments to the Description

None at this time.

3) Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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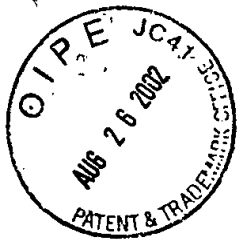
B<sup>1</sup>  
29. (Amended) The bridge plate kit of claim 24 wherein said kit includes two of said bridge plates, two of said first fittings and two of said second fittings whereby said bridge plates, when installed, co-operate as a pair of side-by-side wheel trackways to define a pathway between the first and second rail road cars.

B<sup>2</sup>  
33. (Amended) A bridge plate, for use in permitting a vehicle to be conducted between respective vehicle decks of a pair of adjacently coupled first and second rail road cars, said bridge plate comprising:

a beam member for extending between the two adjacently coupled railroad cars, the beam member having a first end for engaging the first rail road car, and a second end for engaging the second rail road car;

said beam member having an upper flange, a lower flange, and webs extending between said upper and lower flanges to form a hollow section;

said upper flange of said beam member having a track surface upon which the vehicle can be conducted;



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1. Request for Continued Examination
2. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.56
3. Response Accompanying RCE
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